

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 14, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-23, and 25-31 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 13, 25 and 29 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 13, 25 and 29 been amended. A version of the claims containing markings to show the changes made is included herewith. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative during a telephone conversation on March 18, 2005. During the conversation proposed claim amendments were discussed. The claims have been amended in accordance with the discussion with the Examiner.

Claims 1-23 and 25-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,951,652 to Ingrassia Jr, et al. (hereinafter Ingrassia) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,171 to Pacifici et al. (hereinafter Pacifici).

As discussed with the Examiner, neither of Ingrassia nor Pacifici, taken alone or in combination, disclose the use of cookies, and in particular the use of document cookies, application session cookies or communications session cookies.

In contrast to Ingrassia and Pacifici, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the state information includes at least one of document cookies, application session cookies and communications session cookies. Support for this can be found in the specification as filed, for example at page 17, line 27 through page 18, line 22.

Accordingly, since claim 1 recites that the state information includes at least one of document cookies, application session cookies and communications session cookies while both Ingrassia and Pacifici fail to disclose or suggest the same, amended claim 1 is believed allowable over Ingrassia and Pacifici.

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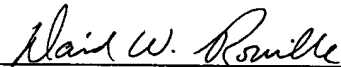
Claims 13, 25, and 29 have been amended in a similar manner as claim 1 and are believed allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-12, 14-23, 26-28 and 30-31 depend from claims 1, 13, 25 or 29 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-23 and 25-31 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Ingrassia in view of Pacifici is believed to have been overcome.

In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing claims 1-23 and 35-31 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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